Diocese of Illinois

Journals of 1871 and 1872

Page 6 of the Bishop's Address

On December 26th [1870], The Rev. Charles P. Clarke died in Ottawa, in which city he had continued to reside after he resigned the charge of Christ Church there some years ago, and in manifold infirmities retired from public engagements. The earlier years of Mr. Clarke were spent in the Methodist connection, and in the circuit of its duties he became stationed in New Orleans. There he formed a personal intimacy with Clergy of the Church, and especially with Dr. Francis Hawks, the result of which was an application for Episcopal Orders. His ministry in Ottawa began about the time of my own Episcopate, and continued there until from bodily injury and failing health, he found himself incompetent for systematic Employment, and retired to a small homestead, doing from time to time, such Missionary duty and rendering such local assistance as were claimed from him. Mr. Clarke's ministry, in its active years, was distinguished by warm-hearted and impulsive earnestness, quick sympathy, a social temperament, and more than usual aptitude in the casuistry of personal religion.

[By the Right Rev. Henry J. Whitehouse]

CLARKE

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Ans. July 28 a card w/ DAR info

July 26, 1965

Mrs. Dorothy J. Clark
2032 North Eighth Street
Terre Haute, Indiana

Dear Mrs. Clark:

Enclosed is my check for $15.00 in payment of the balance due to you, and , in accordance with your letter, I will look forward to receiving the book of the Fort Harrison Centenial Association and the proofs.

The excerpts which you forwarded look fine, but frankly, I haven't had the time to given them the attention they deserve. Undoubtedly you are cofrect that John was a brother and Joseph was the father, but then I wonder what happed to Joseph? Did you find any records showing that he came to Terre Haute?

I'll write to you further after I've had time to check the information I have, so I can contribute whatever that may be to our efforts to solve these puzzles.

Sincerely yours,

David J. Clarke

DJC:hs

The name of Rev. Charles P. Clarke first appears in the List of Clergy in 1849 as rector at Lafayette, Ind.

1850 Rector Lafayette, Ind.
1851 Rector Terre Haute, Ind.
1852 Assistant, Terre Haute, Ind.
1853 Asst.Pastor Ottawa, Ill. to 1859
1860 Rector at Lacon, Ill.
1861 " " " "
1862 Rector at Ottawa, Ill to 1870

Died Dec. 26, 1870.

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Air mail

July 25, 1965

Dear Mr.Clarke:

Thank you for your letter and check of July 19th. I have completed the work you outlined keeping within the 16 hour limit, but photocopying and the price of the 72-page publication of the Fort Harrison Centennial Association dated 1912 will total $25.00.

As with all such publications, they were limited in numbers to begin with, and are handed down from one generation to another, etc...I was lucky to acquire an extra one. It is the best, most detailed, and most accurate account there is of Fort Harrison, and all the families and their genealogies that were involved.

It straightens out your problem...John Dickson was the brother of Mary Dickson(your Mary Dickson who married Thomas H.Clarke) and the father of John and Mary was JOSEPH DICKSON, a Revolutionary soldier, etc.

Upon receipt of your check in the amount of $15.00, the balance of the $25.00 I have earned, I will forward on the book and proofs mentioned above. Enclosed in this letter are the page references from the county histories.

Very truly yours,

DJC:hs

Dorothy J.Clark(Mrs.Robert I.)

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July 19, 1965

Mrs. Robert I. Clark
2032 North Eighth Street
Terre Haute, Indiana

Dear Mrs. Clark:

This will acknowledge your letter of July 8th which you sent to my father. Enclosed is my check for $10.00. I would like to have you compile the data. If the cost is less than $25.00, I'll send you the balance upon receipt of your statement; if you have not completed the work after 16 hours work ($24.00), I'll send you my check for $14.00 and you can forward whatever information you have compiled by that time. If it then appears that you should con tinue the work, we can make further arrangements.

We are particularly interested in the record as it relates to Thomas Harris Clarke, Mary Dickson, and their parents. The stories in Oakey p. 163, a good account of the Battle of Fort Harrison of 1812, and the information from the John Dickson family Bible.

You asked if it was a first marriage for Mary Dickson. I assume it was, but I do not know. The first son was named Joseph Dickson Clarke, so I assume he was named for his mother's side of the family.

We have no interest in indices to land transfers. If you could develop any information about his service in the Indiana Legislature in 1822, it would be of interest.

Please excuse the errors in typing.

Sincerely yours,

David J. Clarke

DJC:hs

P. 156 - listed as arrival here in 1816

197 - 1820 land transfer with L H Scott, sheriff

198 - 1821 " "

200 - 1822 " " listed as collector

201 - 1823 " " " - sheriff

202 - 1823 "

203 - 1824 "

204 - 1824 "

205 - 1824 private citizen land sale

207 - 1825 " "

208 - 1825 collector

211 - 1826 collector

212 - 1826 land sale

219 - 1828 " "

221 - 1829 " "

292 - 1819 - appt petit juror

293 - 1821 - " grand jury

✓ 294 - copy (collector for sheriff) #2 also county treas. 1822

✓ 295 - copy (1822 election)

297 - Resigns his office of collector (tax) Feb, 1824

345 - 1822 Surety in estate

346 - Sept, term of court, 1828, present, Robt Hopkins & T H C, assoc. judges; the law changed in 1828, & a Probate judge elected.

348 - m. license 1818 Oct 29

✓ 387 - copy 386 "Old Document"

606 - Mason 1819 listed as charter member - T. H. Lodge No. 19

Mr. and Mrs.
Clarence R. Clarke
4025 East 19th Avenue
Denver, Colorado 80220

Denver, Colorado,
June 30th, 1965.

Mrs. Robert I. Clark,
2120 North 10th Street,
Terre Haute, Indiana.

Dear Mrs. Clark:

My son, David, was in your City on June 1st and visited the Public Liabrary where he found the following books containing information concerning Thomas Harris Clarke, a great, great Grandfather and Mary Dickson whom he married in 1818. As Dave's time was limited he did not copy in full the information contained in the above mentioned books, or:

Greater Terre Haute and Vigo county
by Oakley, Vol. 1, page 163.

History of Vigo and Parke Counties
by Beckwith, Pages ~~24 - 55 - 63.~~ ?, P. 480

History of Terre Haute
by Condit - page 39.

History of Vigo County, Indiana,
by Bradsby.

The indices to these books have further page references to Thomas H. Clarke, John Dickson and Mary Dickson.

An interesting story starts on page 39 of the book by Condit, but my son failed to copy it. Does the Public Liabrary have photo copying facilities so those pages could be copied? If not perhaps the University has such equipment.

Condit -
Mr. P. 91
John 39-41
Rev. Joseph 78, 79

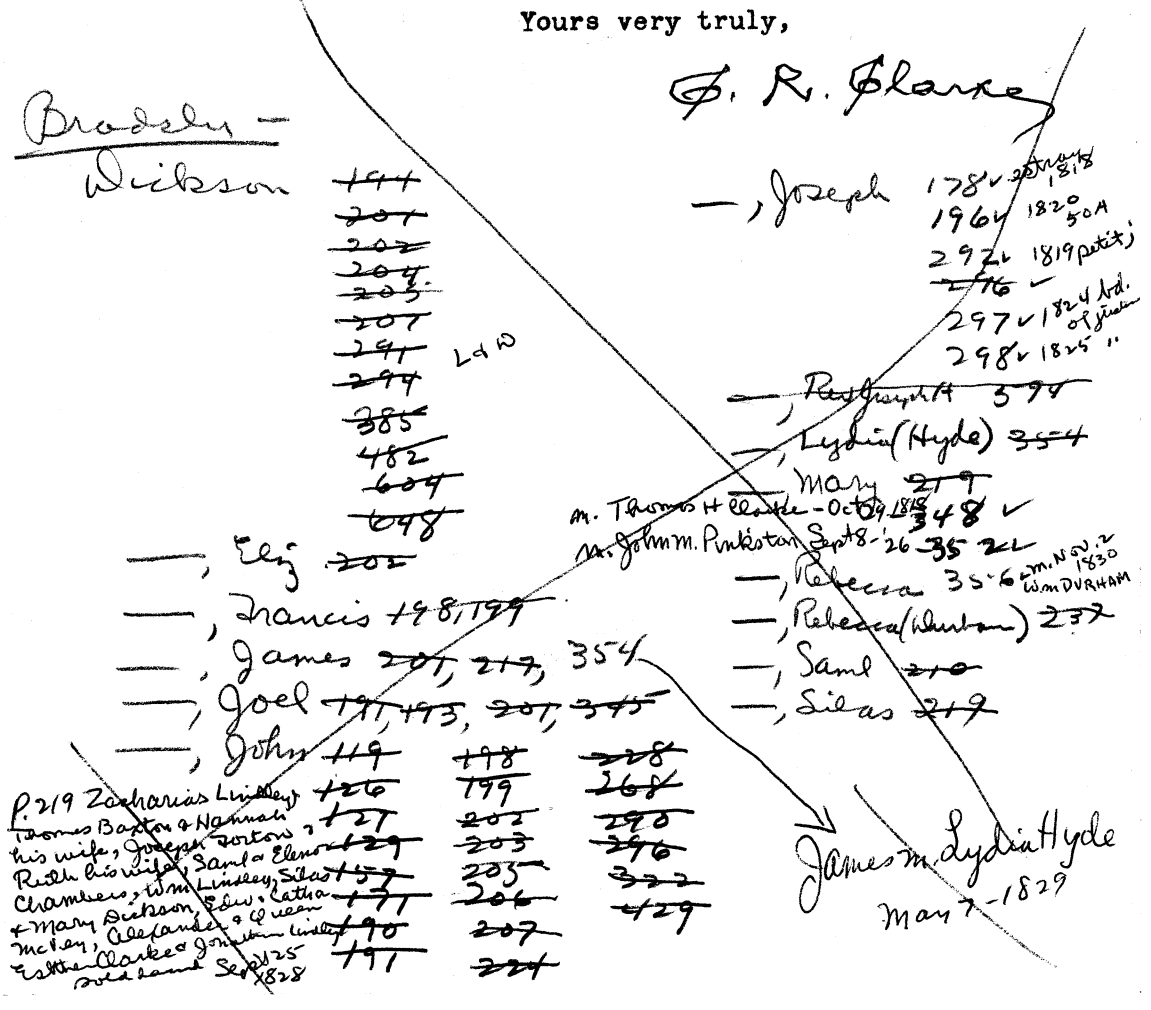
I would like to obtain the full report from Condit, starting on page 39 and, in addition such other interesting information as can be gleened from the other books. There were many references in the indices to sales of land which are of no interest to us.

If you could piece together the factual information concerning the ~~M~~ John Dickson family - and the same about his wife - where they came from and where they went - members of the family - and the same concerning Thomas H. Clarke I will be glad to pay you for your efforts.

Should you be interested in doing this please give me an approximation of your charges - - if it appears reasonable I will let you know and comply with such requirements as you suggest.

Yours very truly,

G. R. Clarke



Many Clarke

Clarke, Mary 225 ~~953~~

—, Thomas ~~702~~

—, Thomas H. 181 - 1819 entry
189 - 1816 bought SW¼ Sec 23 T12 R9 (Dec 5)
190 - 1817 " SE¼ Sec 13 T12 R9 (Oct. 11)
191 - 1818 sold SE¼ Sec 35 T8 R2 (May 30)
225

Clarke, May (Adkisson) ~~348~~

Collector 1826 —, T. H. 211 ~~223~~ - 1826 TH. Land Co. Owed to Rim Lots 286 258 253, 222 Out Lots - 15 42 26

—, Thomas H. ~~[illegible]~~ 25 - p. ref.

see other of pp. CLARKE

Tom Burke Rec
1/3 Pick - 17
1/2 Pat Murphy Rec

Bradsby's HISTORY OF VIGO COUNTY,IND. publ 1891

p.156 - Thomas H.Clarke listed as arrived here in 1816

p.197 - 1820 land transfer with L.H.Scott,sheriff(first contact with this office)

p.198 - 1821 land transfer

p.200 - 1822 land transfer - listed as collector(this meant for sheriff,taxes)

p.201 - 1823 land transfer - listed as collector & another ref. as sheriff

p.202 - 1823 land transfer - listed as sheriff

p.203 - 1824 land transfer - listed as sheriff

p.204 - 1824 ditto

p.205 - 1824 ditto

p.207 - 1825 land transfer as private citizen

p.208 - 1825 land transfer as collector

p.211 - 1826 land transfer as collector

p.212 - 1826 land sale

p.219 - 1828 land sale

p.221 - 1829 land sale

p.292 - 1819 appointed petit juror

p.293 - 1821 appointed grand juror

p.294 - "August 2,1821, Thomas H.Clarke sent the following: To the Honorable, the Commissioners of Vigo County: WHEREAS, There is a misunderstanding relative to the office of collector, and many persons suppose that I am collecting taxes by virtue of an appointment from your honorable body, and not by virtue of the authority vested in me by the sheriff of this county, this is therefore to correct the misunderstanding. I have collected taxes in behalf of the sheriff of said county, and if the commissioners conceive that I have the least pretensions to the office of collector by virtue of their appointment, I hereby resign all such pretensions...It will be noticed in a preceding chapter that the legislature finally had to adjust this matter of tax collecting, and legalize preceding actions...Thomas H.Clark, treasurer, reported as the law required, Feb.11,1822..."

p.295 - "August 19,1822, board of commissioners met at the house of Moses Hoggatt to consider the question of contest of the election of Thomas H. Clarke, sheriff. The court met and adjourned from day to day. Finally adjourned to Terre Haute, and testimony all in, they voted to "throw aside as illegal the vote of Harrison township, on account of the malconduct of Joseph Mark,inspector of said election." continued...

p.295 - continued..."Dec.5,1822, Robert Sturgus was "appointed treasurer in the place of Thomas H.Clarke, commissioned sheriff."

p.297 - Thomas H.Clarke was sworn into office of (tax) Collector, Feb.1824

p.345 - 1822 listed as surety in an estate settlement

p.346 - Sept.term of court, 1828, present, Robert ~~XXXXXX~~ Hopkins and Thomas H. Clarke, associate judges; the law changed in 1828, and a probate judge elec

p.348 - Marriage license issued Oct.29,1818 - Thomas H.Clarke & Mary Dickson

p.38~~9~~6- "OLD DOCUMENT - Time is a great factor in adding value to documents, or to what, at the time of the occurrence, were looked upon as trivial things. It is the links of the long past to the present that makes really insignificant things interesting, and, often, very important. The cracked and yellowed scrap of paper on which is written or printed anything of the long past is valuable. The living never realize that there can ever be any importance attached to anything concerning themselves. They can feel this strong impulse toward the old, but it is only what is old to them, and, seldom, reflect that the now will some day be the old and silent past to others. We see men come and go. In their brief time they contribute their share in the busy, noisy world, and then silently drop out, and the noise goes on unabated. The individual life to the great whole seems so utterly insignificant that it is nearly impossible to connect any idea of now and the long dumb future which will come to the ever living....A gentleman handed me an old soiled paper that he had picked up, and noticing its appearance, put it in his pocket. It is dated Terre Haute, July 31, 1824. It was a circular address printed and published by Samuel Eversol, and is addressed to: FELLOW CITIZENS - the voters of Vigo County - Reading the dicument, we find that Eversole had got into a dispute with Thomas H.Clarke, sheriff, about a bill of costs the latter had charged as an officer on an execution. In the publication Mr.James Farrington is mentioned as having been called upon to settle some legal points in the controversery, and Evessol also mentions "the Tools with which I earn my subsistence," etc.(With his brother, they had a cooper shop.) There seems to have been only a matter of $9.15 between the parties, and yet Eversol felt that he was justified in paying the printer to inform the world of his wrongs...It is a peep at what and how neighbors were having their little troubles here 66 yrs ago. This is all the value there is to it. Evidently Samuel Eversol little dreamed, when he wrote and published in hot indignation that, in long future years, the historian was to be born who would read his circular and make a note of it."

p.606 - listed as charter member of Terre Haute Masonic Lodge No.19 in 1819

There were 12 page references for the name DICKSON all for transfers of land... other DICKSON references in BRADSBY were: (only those I considered of interest)
p.354 - James Dickson m.Lydia Hyde May 7,1829

p.219 - Sept.25,1828 - Zacharias Lindley, Thomas Baxton and Hannah his wife, Joseph Fortow and Ruth his wife, Samuel and Elenor Chambers, Wm.Lindley, Silas and Mary Dickson, Edward and Catharine McVey, Alexander and Queen Esther Clarke and J$_o$nathan Lindley sold land...(note:this may fit in later)

p.352 - still BRADSBY - Mary Dickson m.John M.Pinkston Sept.8,1826

p.356 - Rebecca Dickson m.Wm.Durham Nov.2,1830

p.119 - this reference deals with battle of Ft.Harrison..."JOHN DICKSON and Jonathan Graham and families were in the fort at the time...

"...In 1813 the Indians massacred some of the settlers living south of Honey Creek. This was a band of Potawatomies. Of this raid John Dickson told that, in after years, in talking with one of the chiefs of this tribe, he told him that the next night after the massacre the band approached Dickson's cabin with the intention of killing the family, when they found all the few neighbors in the cabin holding a prayer-meeting, and becoming afraid of the "Great Spirit" they quietly left."

p.128 -"In 1880 Rev.Aaron Wood preached a historical discourse on early Methodism in Vigo county. He sadd that on Honey Creek, as early as 1813, there was a church society, the first in the county. He says that John Dickson, Isaac Lambert, William Medford, William Winters and Capt.Hains formed that first society, and held meetings generally in Dickson's cabin. And he mentions Jonathan Graham and wife as being in the fort, where was also John Dickson and wife at the time of the attack in 1812...."

p.482 - "The little old first water-mill in the county, of Lambert & Dickson, on Honey Creek, was a vast advance on the old stump and the horse mills, that in their slow and imperfect way, had furnished the people bread. As utterly trifling as this old mill wald be now to the country, when it was washed away, not a great while after being built, it was a real calamity to the people in a wide stretch of countyy. This water-mill was built in 1816."

p.604 - "Grove Church, Honey Creek township, is Methodist; built in 1860. There was a church organized in the Lambert & Dickson neighborhood as early as 1818. For years was at settler's cabins, and then in school-houses."

p.202 - Oct.12,1823 - Isaac & Julia Lambert and John & Elizabeth Dickson sold land...this shows marriage dates and proof of marriage.